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TRANSMISSION BUSINESS LINE

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To Interested Parties and Transmission Customers:

The Bonneville Power Administration's Transmission Business Line (TBL) plans to hold several regional workshops during the end of May and June 2006 as part of its Programs in Review (PIR) public process. PIR is a pre-rate case process where interested parties and customers are invited to discuss program levels proposed for fiscal years 2008 through 2009. This process will provide the public an opportunity to meet with TBL senior management and hear how TBL plans to maintain system reliability and continue delivering low-cost transmission to the Northwest. TBL invites you to share your thoughts on spending levels associated with these efforts.

Areas of focus to be discussed include:

- TBL vision and objectives mapping into the agency vision
  - ► Maintaining system reliability for an improving economy
  - ► Providing low-cost transmission to the Northwest
  - ▶ Maintaining accountability to customers and stakeholders
  - ► Heightened environmental consciousness
- Challenges facing TBL programs
  - Sufficient access to capital
  - Adopting efficiency changes to ensure sustainable improvements to business processes, systems and decision-making
  - ► Continued regional collaboration on system investments and business policies
- Accomplishments by TBL over the last two years
  - ► Completed wind interconnection and infrastructure projects
  - Cost cuts
  - ► Emphasis on keeping rights-of-way clear
  - ► Efforts to become more efficient
- Proposed capital and expense levels

Please plan to attend one or more of these meetings. Dates, times and locations are as follows:

May 25, 9:30 a.m. to noon Spokane Valley, Wash. Modern Electric 904 N. Pines Rd. May 31, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Idaho Falls, Idaho Idaho Falls Power Conference Room 140 S. Capital Ave. June 6, 9:30 a.m. to noon Pasco, Wash. Franklin PUD Auditorium 1411 W. Clark Street June 21, 9:30 a.m. to noon Tacoma, Wash. Tacoma Auditorium 3628 S. 35th St

June 22, 9:30 a.m. to noon Portland, Ore. BPA Rates Hearing Room 911 N.E. 11th Ave.

Additional PIR information and handouts for the meetings will be available by May 22, 2006 on the TBL Web site: <a href="http://www.transmission.bpa.gov">http://www.transmission.bpa.gov</a>. If you have any questions, please contact your TBL Account Executive, Rebecca Fredrickson at (360) 418-2409, or Melanie Jackson at (360) 418-2303, e-mail <a href="mmjackson@bpa.gov">mmjackson@bpa.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

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